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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

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This is an exciting time for VHA Ethics! Featured in this issue of **news@vhaethics**, for example, are network-wide ethics committees, VHA's National Ethics Committee, and other hot topics and events. The National Center for Ethics, too, is undergoing exciting changes. We invite you to come and browse our evolving web site and meet the newest members of our staff.

We recently completed our reader survey - many thanks to all of you who participated. Based on our findings we have made several important changes in our newsletter including its new name, **news@vhaethics**. You told us that you would like to receive Ethics Center information in both print and electronic form, so we modified our format. The new newsletter consists almost exclusively of brief news items and abstracts of full-length feature stories, all linked to our web site. You said you wanted to receive the newsletter more frequently, so we have modified our production schedule. Also in response to your preferences, we filled **news@vhaethics** with practical information you can use.

The newsletter redesign is just one part of a larger communications plan for the National Center. Look for new interactive features on our web site, such as topical bulletin boards that will allow you to share and discuss ethical issues with colleagues throughout the system. We invite you to send us your feedback, as well as your ideas for **news@vhaethics** stories and events. Tell us about your new ethics-related policy, program, project, or other accomplishment. We will spread the word!